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27 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Staff, OSA

SUBJECT : Trip Report - USAFE Headquarters, Wiesbaden, Germany; [REDACTED] - Project IDEALIST [REDACTED] - 2 to 14 August 1964

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1. The trip to Wiesbaden was made by the writer to provide security guidance and direction to the interested officials at USAFE Headquarters in connection with the support of the [REDACTED] operation. The writer visited [REDACTED] to discuss the proposed [REDACTED] staging with the station officials at [REDACTED] and to gain an on the spot feeling for the conditions existing at the staging site to be used in [REDACTED]

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2. Wiesbaden - On 4, 5 and 6 August, the writer accompanied by [REDACTED] Plans/OSA, [REDACTED] Support/OSA, [REDACTED] Materiel/OSA, and [REDACTED] Control Center/OSA, attended meetings relating to the proposed IDEALIST staging from [REDACTED] targeted to begin on or about 1 October. During the course of these meetings the following personnel, in addition to those noted above, were in attendance:

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3. Among the items discussed were the following:

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A. Materiel Requirement - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed the materiel items to be moved into [REDACTED] to accomplish the staging. It was agreed that adequate equipment would be provided to insure the maximum comfort and medical safety of all personnel. It was decided that certain equipment would be left in place on a permanent basis to accomplish future stagings from [REDACTED]. The largest of these items would be [REDACTED]

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25X1A four 60 kilowatt generators to furnish electrical power.
[REDACTED] certified that he would arrange for the proper
25X1A maintenance and testing of such equipment during the periods
the Detachment would not be in place. It was also agreed
25X1A that [REDACTED] would have authority to communicate directly
with USAFE Headquarters to requisition any additional equip-
25X1A ment that he might consider necessary. In this regard, an
Agency communication link [REDACTED] has been established
at USAFE Headquarters. One of the items of primary interest
was a water purification equipment set which would purify
900 gallons of water per hour. This particular piece of
equipment is presently in place at Detachment G and will
be tested prior to their departure from Edwards. This
25X1A piece of equipment will be moved in with the first support
airlift carrying the communication equipment from Edwards.
In accordance with the recommendation of [REDACTED] Det-
achment G Flight Surgeon, USAFE tentatively agreed to provide
a preventative maintenance technician to operate this equip-
ment. In the area of food, it was proposed that A rations,
which are supposedly much more palatable and nutritious than
the previously used B rations, would be employed. The only
25X1A fly in the ointment regarding this proposal is that such
rations would require an airlift from [REDACTED] and the cost
25X1A would be tremendous. However, Mr. [REDACTED] assured [REDACTED]
25X1A [REDACTED] that OSA would absorb the cost and was very much
interested in improving the food situation at [REDACTED]
At the present time steps are being taken to go the A ration
route. It should be pointed out that the crews utilized for
the delivery of these rations, which would require in the
neighborhood of three or four airlifts, would not be regular
MATS crews and would in all probability, not be TS cleared.
25X1A After ascertaining that these crews would be in place at
[REDACTED] only long enough to unload their supplies, at the
most two hours, the writer agreed to their utilization.
The writer determined that the Detachment would have suffi-
cient notice of these crews to take appropriate steps to conceal
25X1A the operational aircraft and its special equipment. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the Detachment Security Officer has been briefed
regarding this arrangement.

B. Mail - [REDACTED] assured the group that there
would be a minimum of twice weekly delivery of the mail.
It was agreed that the mail would be handled in the same
fashion as that employed on [REDACTED] registered air

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mail to a cleared individual at [REDACTED] in this case
[REDACTED] located at
[REDACTED] New York, New York. Mr.
[REDACTED] would in turn deliver the mail to the Security
Officer from the Detachment on a bi-weekly basis. The
Air Force support personnel will be provided a P.O. Box
address at USAFE so that their families might communicate
with them and USAFE in turn would forward their mail to
[REDACTED]

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C. Visas - [REDACTED] was not able to provide
any information regarding the procurement of multiple
entry visas for the Detachment Security personnel. This
item was subsequently discussed at [REDACTED] and is noted
below.

D. Personnel - [REDACTED] agreed that the
Agency personnel participating in the deployment would be
paid per diem at the rate of \$11 a day less 45% for meals
furnished; the military would receive a deduction of 55%
for meals. A review was made of the number of personnel
necessary to effectively handle the operation and it was
agreed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that a figure between
[REDACTED] would suffice. In addition to [REDACTED]
personnel, this figure would include [REDACTED] personnel dispatched
from USAFE Headquarters and C-130 crew of [REDACTED] men who would
be involved in the movement of the take from [REDACTED] to
[REDACTED] emphasized that it would be in the
interest of all concerned if this figure were reduced to
an absolute minimum since the billeting facilities as they
now exist will comfortably accommodate [REDACTED] people. [REDACTED]
indicated that it would be necessary to have some of the
people billeted three to a room, allowing the operational
pilots and the flight surgeon private rooms, the flight
surgeon to have his equipped to serve as a dispensary.
[REDACTED] also mentioned with an obvious flavor of bitter-
ness, that there were [REDACTED] bedspreads missing after the
departure of the Detachment from the [REDACTED] exercise.

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4. On 6 August a wrap up of the meetings took place
at which the following points were highlighted:

A. A schedule of airlifts which will be prepared
in advance by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will be passed to
[REDACTED] via Agency communication channels

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in sufficient time to allow for necessary diplomatic clearances to be processed. It was agreed that an Operations Officer and Security Officer would be in place at the funnel points, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to properly brief the USAFE support personnel and the airlift crews concerning the security ground rules and entry and exit procedures for [REDACTED]

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B. It was tentatively agreed that political approval would be forthcoming from the [REDACTED] and U. S. Government on or about 20 August (as of the writing of this report, such approval has not been received). Mr. [REDACTED] seemed to think that the [REDACTED] were favorably disposed to this operation. On the same date USAFE was charged with the responsibility of submitting a completed equipment list to Project Headquarters for their concurrence. On 1 September the operations order will be generated citing all of the requirements for the various components. On the same date, MATS will be provided the airlift requirements to support the operation. It is contemplated that [REDACTED] aircraft including C-140's will be necessary to accomplish the mission. On 12 September communications equipment from Detachment G accompanied by a Security Officer will depart for [REDACTED]. The support airlift from Wiesbaden and [REDACTED] will commence on 15 September. It is hoped that all personnel and aircraft will be in place and operations will commence on 1 October.

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C. It was again agreed that an Operations and Security Officer will proceed to [REDACTED] to appropriately brief the USAFE personnel and the airlift crews prior to their departure for [REDACTED]. In this regard the writer indicated to [REDACTED] the desirability of having the MATS crews employed on this operation cleared at a TS level. He indicated that this should present no problem.

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D. It was decided that the take from the [REDACTED] operation would be initially processed at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] for further duplicating and processing to Eastman-Kodak.

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E. [REDACTED] assured [REDACTED] that the main runway will be properly repaired and hand swept prior to the arrival of the Detachment.

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25X1A 5. Access - At the conclusion of the summary discussion
 25X1A [redacted] and the writer participated in a discussion relative to the ground rules affecting
 the access of the [redacted] Representatives to certain operational
 information such as route, weather, target area and special
 equipment briefings. The writer stated that in his opinion
 the flight plan is the most sensitive information generated
 prior to a mission. It was pointed out that certain [redacted] 25X6
 officials namely [redacted] 25X6
 25X1A [redacted] was present at the pre-mission briefing
 during the last [redacted] operation. [redacted] responded
 25X1A that this problem of access during the last staging had placed
 both he and [redacted] in a very difficult position. The 25X6
 25X1A [redacted] officials as represented as [redacted] 25X6
 also of the [redacted], insisted that they 25X6
 actively participate in the mission planning and pre-mission
 briefing of the operational pilot. They were not satisfied
 in being exposed to the tracker film and a post mission brief-
 25X1A ing. In the opinion of [redacted], the [redacted] if anything 25X6
 25X1A will insist on a greater degree of participation in the [redacted]
 25X1A [redacted] operation.

6. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that 25X1A
 Headquarters will provide the [redacted] for passage 25X6
 to [redacted] 25X6
 [redacted] a list of targets to be covered on a particular 25X6
 mission. The [redacted] will be advised of the entry
 and exit points so that appropriate radar suppression may be
 effected. The complete flight plan and tracker will be made
 available to [redacted] after the completion of the 25X6
 25X1A mission. It was agreed that a message incorporating the
 25X1A above points will be directed to [redacted]
 25X1A [redacted] for his concurrence and passage to [redacted] 25X6
 [redacted] and the writer will handle the preparation of
 this message.

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A. Multiple Entry Visas - [REDACTED] suggested that Project Headquarters solicit these visas through the [REDACTED] in Washington, D.C. He suggested that when requesting such visas, which would be triple entry for a period of 90 days, it would be advisable for the individual to state that he is traveling to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and other areas in the vicinity of [REDACTED]. Upon returning to Headquarters, the writer determined that this approach had been made by Mr. [REDACTED] without success and the method of obtaining such visas remains unresolved.

B. Political Approval - [REDACTED] pointed out that the [REDACTED] is expected to retire sometime in September, and his replacement has not as yet been identified. He also related that [REDACTED] has also been replaced and as yet the station does not have any feeling regarding the attitude of his replacement to the [REDACTED] operation. [REDACTED] also reported that Ambassador [REDACTED] is somewhat reluctant at this time to approach the [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] operation. According to [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] has been less than enthusiastic in supporting U. S. operations and proposals for operations in [REDACTED]. Also the presence of a new Foreign Minister might complicate the situation. On the other hand, the recent Chicom defector, a truck driver, has provided information reflecting increased activity on the part of the Chicoms in the vicinity of the Sino Indian Border which should whet the appetite of the [REDACTED] to once again take a look at that area.

Based on the above information [REDACTED] was not at all optimistic about the [REDACTED] granting permission for the resumption of overflights from [REDACTED].

C. Briefing Charts - [REDACTED] advised that the prints which had been employed during the previous briefings of the [REDACTED] Officials were presently in the custody of the [REDACTED]. The overlays reflecting the point of origin of these missions and the routes followed are stored in the Agency signal center at the Embassy.

8. [REDACTED] On 11 and 12 August the writer in company with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited the staging site at [REDACTED]. The above group was afforded a complete tour of the facility by [REDACTED] and the following observations were made:

25X1A A. Project Hangar - The hanger, which will accommodate two U 2's, and which is constructed of brick siding with a roof of steel beams covered with galvanized steel is just about completed. A recommendation has been made that a 15 foot brick wall be constructed at the rear of the hangar with the front of the hangar to remain open. [REDACTED] assured the interested parties that this brick wall will be completed prior to the arrival of the Detachment in September. The front of the hangar will remain open and the aircraft will be concealed by sliding drapes of opaque material hung on a cable. On the left hand side of the hangar there is a raised enclosed room completely air-conditioned, wherein the security guard will remain. The position of this cubicle affords the guard visual access to the entire hangar and is equipped with a desk and telephone.

25X1A B. Identification of the [REDACTED] - The base itself is described as the Aviation Research Center and 25X1A [REDACTED] and his group represent themselves as Tech Reps 25X1A from the [REDACTED] at the invitation of the [REDACTED] The facility is under 25X1A the direction of the [REDACTED] 25X1C

C. R & R Areas - For all practical purposes, the base has very little to offer in the nature of R & R facilities. 25X1C The nearest city of any size is [REDACTED] which takes approxi- 25X1C mately 1½ to 2 hours to reach by air. [REDACTED] the village in which the base is located, has been declared out of bounds for security reasons. There is a beach within driving distance but based on the experience from the last staging, this is not an attractive location.

25X1C D. Physical Security - The air base is surrounded by a 4 foot high barbed wire fence and the BOQ, fuel storage and operations buildings are enclosed by fencing. The [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] has provided approximately [REDACTED] to serve as a perimeter guard force with a guard stationed at the front and rear of the hangar and the front and rear of the operations building.

E. Runway - The inspection of the operational runway disclosed the presence of several holes some of which were being repaired. [REDACTED] assured the writer that the runway would be in good operating condition prior to the arrival of the Detachment. 25X1A

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F. General -- The billeting structure at [REDACTED] is more than adequate. As now planned there will be two men to each room with private shower and lavatory facilities. There is an air-conditioning unit in each room and a day room which serves as a recreational area and which contains a ping pong table, refrigerator, chess and checker sets located in the middle of the billeting area. The mess hall to be utilized by the Detachment appears to be clean, has adequate air-conditioning and will accommodate a sizable number of personnel. The rations proposed for this staging, that is the A rations, will in the opinion of the experts be a great improvement over the food served on the last staging. All in all in the opinion of the writer, assuming that the food is what they promised, the biggest problem will be occupying the troops during the off hours. From a viewpoint of security, the base is very well controlled and because of its location the likelihood of its having any visitors would be remote.

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